

unless the violator be worth more than that allowed him by the exemption what can be done? Second as to the application of the fine. To what shall it be applied? There is no provision in the act for it. There is a non-Licentiate practicing Dentistry in our "very teeth," as it were, and though possessing all the evidence required and the will to prosecute, he defies us and the law. Will you instruct us how to act in the matter? Must we and the public be imposed upon because of the weakness of the law?

Yours truly,

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EDITORIAL.

THE QUEBEC LICENCE.

By the 30th of next March, every dentist in the Province of Quebec, is required by law, to be in possession of the license to practice; and any dentist continuing to practice after that date, without holding such license, whether he has been in practice twenty years or twenty days, will be liable to summary conviction, a fine of \$100 and costs, and if necessity arises, distress of goods, or imprisonment. It is well, in the beginning, to remember that the Dental Act of Incorporation is as positively a law, and as much intended to be enforced, as any other Act, special or otherwise, on the statute book.

We do not intend to discuss the question, whether or not the profession should be incorporated. That has been discussed to death, and is still a matter of opinion, just as much as whether or not a murderer should be hung, or whether or not there should be any legislation for anything. However, the feeling in favor of dental legislation is fast becoming wide spread, even among our republican neighbours where they boast of the genius of their free institutions; and the results everywhere so far, have proved of immense advantage to the profession and the general public.

To those actually quacks, or disposed to be, any law restricting liberty to charlatanism, is just as opprobrious as the law against larceny to a thief. The time has gone by forever when we may expect to reason or persuade such parties into change of conduct; though, we believe there is more hope of a Jack Shephard than a Crawcour, any day. The theory of gentle persuasion, and mild, lovable logic, is all sentimental moon-shine with such men, and just as likely to ac-